

Today
On Bishops and Mothers.
Caruso the 19th Child.
How Many Are Enough?
The Last Are Best.
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The elect in heaven, according to Cotton Mather, Puritan preacher, were especially blissful when allowed to contemplate the tortures of the damned below them.

We, in our U. S. A. prohibition heaven, may contemplate with pleasure, or at least consolation, the alcoholic sorrows of our English friends. The Bishop of London publishes in the Morning Post a lament on increasing drunkenness. Among Englishmen drunkenness has increased 249 per cent, and among women 154 per cent. Drunkenness among women is infinitely more menacing than among men.

Another bishop, of Durham, laments lack of interest in religion. Studying history, the bishop will observe that when men show lack of interest in any particular religion it is usually because that religion has shown a lack of interest in men.

The bishop says, mournfully: "The only movements which attract public sympathy are those which aim at mass betterment."

Is that a calamity? The bishop knows that the "movement" started by the founder of Christianity was also aimed at "mass betterment." He said that ALL men were His brothers, not merely bishops and peers of the realm. Mass betterment was His object, and clergymen making it their object will easily interest the mass in religion.

Have women noticed the most interesting thing about the late Caruso?

He was his mother's nineteenth child.

That mother, a powerful woman such as the Italians, descendants of the Romans, produce in thousands, was not discouraged when she had five children, or ten or fifteen or eighteen. She was ONE more, and that was CARUSO.

The real business of a woman, her highest business, whatever she may want or believe, is having children. This earth depends on the human race, and there can't be anything more important than the creation of that race.

Women forget that sometimes, and, not satisfied to create the man that does the work, they want to be the man. It is as if Raphael, not satisfied with painting the Sistine Madonna, insisted on climbing up in the frame to be the picture.

Woman may do as she pleases; nobody has the right to lecture or exhort. If she wants no children, that is her business. Few women voluntarily let the chain snap at their link. Two children replacing mother and father should be the minimum, and one day that will be the maximum, when the earth is fully populated.

Many children mean real happiness, and the greater the number the greater the mother's chance of living in history.

You learn from Galton's studies of heredity that among kings and the very rich, the first child is apt to be the best. In humbler families the later children are the best. The reasons are plain.

When a king marries, it is a novelty. He is interested in his first child. That child is born with all the king's affection and energy back of it. By the time the second arrives, he is tired of the mother and thinking of something else.

Alexander the Great, first child of a great man and an extraordinary woman, was a huge success. Had there been a second it might have been a half idiot, for by that time the mother hated the father and the father was afraid of the mother, who later had him murdered for taking a second wife.

Among humble mortals the later children are the best. As time passes and the husband grows older, he recovers from early foolishness. He appreciates the devotion of the mother that has lived with him and stood by him; he becomes more nearly worthy of her, and so she gives him better children. You find this everywhere in history. Only earnest, intense affection produces the best children.

Henry T. Finck, who knows more about music than anybody except the musical critic of this newspaper, tells you:

"Franz Schubert, the greatest (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

WILSON SELLS GIFT FROM FRANCE

Erzberger's Assassination Splits Germany

ASSASSINATION OF ERZBERGER MAY DEVELOP BITTER STRIFE

Berlin Press Almost Unanimous in Condemning Act of Slayer.

MURDERER STILL AT LARGE Internal Trouble Feared as Followers of Victim Rail Against Cowardly Killing.

By FRANK E. MASON, International News Service.
BERLIN, Aug. 27.—So grave has the internal crisis become tonight as a result of the bitter party warfare arising from the assassination of Dr. Matthias Erzberger yesterday that a cabinet shake-up was reported imminent.

By KARL H. VON WIEGAND, By Universal Service.

BERLIN, Aug. 27.—No occurrence since the revolution has shaken the whole German people as has the assassination of Matthias Erzberger. The entire first pages of all newspapers are devoted to it.

There is no indication yet of the murderer's identity, but even the conservative press admits grudgingly it was undoubtedly a political crime. There is some significance seen in the fact that Oltweg von Hirschfeld, a student, who was sentenced in February last year for an attempted attack on Erzberger, was released from prison a fortnight ago.

Press Deplores Killing.
The socialist news official agency has issued a manifesto which reeks with blood-thirsty invective against "hangmen of the world war bandits" and exhorts working people to "show their teeth" against the counter-revolution.

The appeal is published approvingly by all the Socialist papers.

The Tageblatt is not far behind in its bitterness while the Vossische Zeitung declares:

"The seed which the Conservatives have sowed, has borne fruit."

The Conservative Press deplores the murder and is plainly disquieted over the possible political results. The Allgemeine Gazette warns against any attempt to make political capital out of the deed by "insane fanatics."

Hated by Patriots.
President of the Reichstag Loeb, speaking at a conference of party leaders, summed up the situation trenchantly by asserting:

"The bullets that brought down Erzberger did not only hit him, but also the peace and quietness of our land."

Erzberger, who had been in political retirement since last year, was recently re-elected to the Reichstag. He would have re-entered the Reichstag in September and would have become the leader in the approaching struggle to tax capital heavily. Although nominally a Clerical, he was in reality a Christian Socialist.



CLARENCE D. VAN DUSER, former Congressman from Nevada, held here on a charge of selling bogus oil stocks.

DEBS' FREEDOM DUE IN 30 DAYS

Daugherty Intimates President Views Are Liberal on Amnesty Program.

Eugene V. Debs will be a free man as soon as peace is ratified with Germany.

Such is the prevailing view in official circles here, based on the result of President Harding's conference yesterday with Attorney General Daugherty. The Debs case and the subject of general amnesty for political prisoners were discussed.

Following the conference, Mr. Daugherty said:

President to Act.
"The President has decided that he will take action in the Debs case and in the broader question of general amnesty as soon as the Senate ratifies the treaty recently concluded with Germany."

Attorney General Daugherty has finished his study of both questions, he said, and is ready to submit his recommendations to the President on thirty minutes' notice. "I may change my mind about one or two matters," he continued, but that is unlikely.

May Be Free in 30 Days.

As the Attorney General in several previous discussions of the Debs case has emphasized its bearing on the war, yesterday's announcement is generally accepted as foreshadowing the release of the Socialist leader.

A Senate is expected to ratify the German treaty immediately at the conclusion of the present recess, some action is expected by the President on the Debs appeal in about thirty days.

IRISH REPUBLIC DAY WILL BE OBSERVED

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 27.—A tri-State convention of various Irish organizations from Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey will be held here tomorrow, which is to be celebrated as "Irish Republic Day."

Among the speakers will be Sallendra Hath Ghose, of India; James Curley of Dublin, and Mayor Bader of Atlantic City. Delegates from more than 400 councils of the American Association for Recognition of the Irish Republic are expected, as are representatives of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Cumann Na-Shan, Clan-na-Gael, the Gaelic League, the Irish County societies and the Irish National Firesters.

FRAUD CHARGE HOLDS FORMER CONGRESSMAN

Van Duser of Nevada Accused of Swindling Baltimore Man With Check.

ARRESTED IN LOCAL HOTEL

Bogus Oil Stock Sales Said to Figure in Transactions in Maryland.

Former Congressman D. Van Duser, of Nevada, is locked in a police station cell in Washington today awaiting removal to Baltimore to answer charges of obtaining money under false pretenses. Thousands of dollars, it is said, are involved.

Bogus oil stock, it is asserted, was unloaded on one or more persons in Baltimore. The specific charge against Van Duser is that he obtained \$250 by means of false pretenses. The indictment against him was returned by a Baltimore grand jury in May, 1920.

To Fight Extradition.

The arrest of the former Congressman took place yesterday afternoon at a local hotel, where he was located by Headquarters Detectives Kelly and Scrivener. He will fight extradition and probably will seek his release on a writ of habeas corpus.

Police records at Baltimore show that in April, 1920, Van Duser, in company with a man known as "Billy Murray," alias "William Neilson," journeyed from New York and opened a small office near the electrical supply establishment of Charles W. Winter, 2023 North Charles street.

Cultivation of Winter began in short order. Murray represented himself as a representative of a beverage supply company, of New York, while Van Duser is alleged to have told his new acquaintance he was a stock broker.

Checks Declared Worthless.

Winter it is alleged shortly afterwards accepted a check for \$250 from Van Duser, but it was made payable to Murray.

Drawn on the Salamancas Trust Company, of Salamanca, N. Y., the check was cleared through the ordinary channels, but discovered to be worthless.

Before the return of the \$250 check, the pair are alleged to have presented a check for \$2,000 to Winter, which he cashed.

Van Duser and Murray left Baltimore just before the checks were returned and marked "no good." The police were notified and a country-wide search has been in progress for them.

Murray was indicted by the Baltimore grand jury charged with passing the \$2,000 check, while Van Duser was charged with passing the smaller check.

Noted in House as Speaker.

Van Duser is a man of imposing appearance. During his terms in the House of Representatives in the Roosevelt Administration he was rated a good speaker.

Born in Nevada, Van Duser was at work in a silver mine long before he reached the age of sixteen. He was graduated from the State University of Nevada and afterward became a school teacher. Later he was commissioned by the governor of the State as State land agent, to reside in Washoe. This job lasted but six months, the comptroller of the State of Nevada ruling the job out of existence. Van Duser then took a job as secretary to Congressman Newland, of Nevada, who later became Senator.

When he returned to Nevada, Van Duser served as district attorney of Humboldt county, a member of the lower house of the legislature, speaker of the assembly, and later was elected to Congress to succeed Congressman Newlands.

At one time Van Duser was said to be in line for the Senatorship of his State.

CATCH ALLEGED THIEF AFTER HALF-MILE CHASE

BOSTON, Aug. 27.—The theft of a handbag from Miss Bridget Fitzgerald as she was kneeling in prayer in the Church of the Immaculate Conception was charged against Henry Harrison, arrested after a half mile pursuit through South end streets. The woman gave chase through the church and into Harrison avenue, where a policeman commanded a passing automobile before he caught Harrison.

LABOR ISSUES CHALLENGE TO CORPORATIONS

A. F. of L. Declares Open Shop Policy Violates Workers' Constitutional Rights.

CRITICIZES COURT DECISIONS

Plan to Prevent Wage-Earners' Savings From Being Used Against Them.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 27.—A challenge to the "corporate interests" of America was issued tonight by the American Federation of Labor through its executive council representing 4,000,000 union workers. The federation assailed the open shop drive, declaring that for a corporation to demand as a condition of employment that a wage earner shall agree not to join a labor union was a violation of the worker's constitutional rights.

It declared the American Federation of Labor would investigate the situation, "so that the people may be fully and accurately apprised of the real situation of affairs, and so that a comprehensive plan may be advanced for correction of the grave dangers and great evils that have fastened themselves like a barnacle upon our people."

"Charter Rights Exceeded."

To deny the wage earners the right of group decisions, and to force them to deal as individuals with organizations with vast resources is an abuse of corporate power and never contemplated in the original conception underlying the granting of corporate charters," the manifesto declared.

After challenging the justice of Supreme Court decisions in knocking out the labor sections of the Clayton anti-trust law and the "decision in the Duplex Printing Company case as an illuminating example of the power of the judiciary to annul legislative enactments," the statement said public sentiment on this situation would be canvassed, with a view to finding a remedy.

The council also made it clear that an effort would be made to prevent the use of wage earners' deposits in banks and insurance companies to be "used against them."

To Form Local Committees.

Local committees will be organized in every industrial community to familiarize the public with what is going on "with particular reference to the reactionary tendency in legislation and judicial decisions which are destructive of the workers' equal rights, privileges and opportunities."

"We have reached a time in our financial, commercial and industrial history," the statement declares, "which demands a careful review of existing corporate tendencies, the sources of their power, influence and strength and the advantages, rights, privileges and immunities they have secured and which are denied to all other groups of people in our land."

50 BANKS AFFECTED BY SWINDLE TRUST ACTIVITIES

CHICAGO, Aug. 27.—"The trail of worthless paper" left by Charles W. French, the "wolf of finance" and his \$500,000 "swindle trust," tonight involved fifty American banks, according to new evidence in the hands of Federal agents here.

This evidence, it was stated, was revealed by a confession from Charles K. Strobel, a Cleveland broker and co-defendant with French. The confession, agents declared, showed that French, in his master plans to create a "half billion dollar world combine" to develop the Pacific coast had scattered millions in "worthless bonds" throughout American banks.

Many of these banks, the evidence indicated, were "hard hit."

FORD'S ROAD UNDERBIDS RIVAL FOR HAULING COAL

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 27.—Henry Ford underbid the Monon Railroad 69 cents a ton for hauling coal for the United States Steel Corporation from Lynch, Ky., to Gary, Ind.

Ford's bid averaged about \$5,000 a day below the bid of the Monon.

Today's Times Marks the Second Step in the Development of Washington's Sunday Super-Newspaper

This Sunday's super-newspaper is a simon-pure Washington product, published right here in "the Heart of the Nation."

With today's issue, The Sunday Washington Times and The New York American are combined into one complete and unified newspaper,

Including All the Features That Enable The Sunday New York American To Lead the Entire Country With Over a Million Circulation

Today's Sunday Morning Times bears eloquent testimony to the fact that the fusing of this National Capital Newspaper with the Sunday New York American has produced

A Metropolitan Newspaper Greater Than the Sum of the Two Separate Publications

The fame of the name of the New York Sunday American made circulation for the Sunday combination faster than circulation has ever been made in this territory. The merit of the combination held the circulation gained, and the super-merit of this further improved Sunday newspaper can be depended upon to steadily increase that circulation.

The 10c Price of This Newspaper Is Based Upon Comparative Cost to Produce and Resultant Value

REV. I. W. CANTER PASSES AWAY

Former Pastor of Southern M. E. Church Is Victim of Heart Disease.

Following an illness of four weeks, the Rev. Isaac White Canter, D. D., seventy-nine years old, a member of the Baltimore Conference Methodist Episcopal Church South, died last night from heart trouble at 7:30 o'clock at Walter Reed Hospital. He was removed here from Baltimore about a month ago to the army hospital.

Mr. Canter served as pastor at the Northern Methodist Church, Mount Vernon place, this city from 1893 to 1897, when he went to the Monumental city. Since that time he served as pastor of four churches at Baltimore.

He is survived by three sons, Dr. Hal. Canter, Ph. D., dean of Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va.; the Rev. H. M. Canter, of Roanoke, and Captain N. M. Canter, who is on the staff at Walter Reed Hospital, and one daughter, Mrs. F. M. Mahood, of Roanoke, Va. Mrs. Canter died about two years ago.

\$30 RECEIVED AT SALE FOR HIS PRESENT FROM FRENCH NATION

Tapestry Frame Used by Marie Antoinette Sold With Cast-Off Stuff.

FIRST WIFE'S SKETCHES GO Collection Disposed Of on Leaving the White House Is Grabbed by Dealers.

The troublous life of the unfortunate Marie Antoinette is reflected in Washington today in the sad fate of some of the Queen's personal property—until a few months ago in the White House drawing room of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson—now marked by the inglorious stamp of the auction block.

Through the Capital's antique mart the famous tapestry frame once graced by the dainty hands of Marie, and presented to President and Mrs. Wilson as a gift from the French government, has passed into the dim interior of a dealer's garret.

Sold to Dealer for \$30.

All for \$30. Though the actual transaction, which occurred during the Wilson exodus from the Executive Mansion, was confirmed today in the frightened wake of the "leak" came hurried expression of the belief that the sale of a gift to the former President had been through its mistaken inclusion with "other junk" of lesser intrinsic and historical value disposed of by the Wilsons last March.

Had it not been for the bungling of the agent hired by the ex-President and Mrs. Wilson to sell for them, anonymously, undesired articles through the antique exchange of C. G. Sloan & Co., Inc., 713 Thirteenth street northwest, the sale of the Wilson art works would have remained a dark secret of an forgotten administration.

Marks on Crates Removed.

With great care address marks on crates, which had directed the articles to the White House at the time of their donation, were removed from the same crates, in which they arrived at Sloan's. But the hurried effort to eradicate signs of previous ownership slipped on one label, and the news quickly spread among the antique merchants.

Then came a frenzied purchasing by dealers and collectors mysteriously furnished the tip, and in the exchange of curios for gold the wise and the unwise fared strangely.

"I thought I got some of the Wilson stuff—when I bought," one collector admitted yesterday. "But I have since learned differently."

First Wife's Sketches Sold.

Among the articles auctioned were several which had been the property of Mr. Wilson's first wife. These included a sketching easel, unfinished paintings and sketches, palettes and paint brushes. These articles were reported today to have been obtained by a woman collector for three dollars.

Mrs. Peter A. Drury, wife of the president of the Merchants' National Bank, is said to have bought a beaded bag, presented to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson by Indians of a Government reservation.

Charles Lee Frank of Glen Echo is reported to have purchased several articles, among them a pair of hand-embroidered and beaded buckskin gloves presented to President Wilson by Indians. The gloves were said to have once borne a dedication tag reading "To Our Beloved President."

Edwin Kirk, of the National Museum, who was keenly interested in the auction, and especially in the French antique, greatly desired to add it to the museum's collection. Lack of funds for purchasing articles for the museum, however, blocked its pathway to a dignified resting place.

"A great portion of the articles were packed in elaborate boxes, hideous in their ornamentation, and rightly classed as junk," said another collector who attended the auction.